

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Oppose this ordinance that would criminalize repairing and selling bikes on public property. This is war on the poor and you know it. Each and every one of you who votes for this piece of tyranny will be replaced. I feel like you all must know this too! Bike repair is NOT a crime and will be used to target unhoused people who repair bikes for to survive. Many unhoused Angelenos rely on bike repair to make a living. Criminalizing their livelihood will make it even harder for them to exit homelessness. Many unhoused people rely on bikes as a means of transportation and to bypass public transportation systems that are punitive to those who can't afford it. There are already laws in place to allow for disability access to make the sidewalks passable. Making this illegal is based solely on their housing status and is discrimination. Bikes are a primary mode of transportation for many unhoused people. Repairing a flat tire or adjusting your gears would be deemed criminal for Unhoused people. When a city fails to create affordable housing for decades, you cannot discriminate to block the few business choices available to those living on the street. Our laws force unhoused people to stay near their belongings and this is one of the few business endeavors that can be done from a sidewalk. As we see use of force by LAPD against Unhoused people increase, we need to limit this contact. This demands much more contact and increases the likelihood for racial profiling allowing for a pretense to stop people for being near bikes in a public place.